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1. SOVIET MILITARY MISSION HEADED BY USSR'S 1ST DEPUTY MINDEF (WITH RANK OF MARSHAL) ARRIVED AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 15. ACCORDING TO DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH MISSION NUMBERS ABOUT 12 OFFICERS AND WILL BE IN KABUL FOR 7-10 DAYS, DEPENDING ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. ABDULLAH ALSO CONFIRMED INFERENCE I HAD DRAWN FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD'S WORDS AT OUR MEETING OCTOBER 13: LARGE QUANTITIES OF NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY USSR (ON CREDIT) TO GOA IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. DEPFONMIN ALSO CONFIRMED INFORMATION PROVIDED YESTERDAY BY
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INDIAN AMBASSADOR THAT A SPEARATE GROUP OF SOVIET ECONOMIC PLANNERS

ALSO EXPECTED HERE IN NEAR FUTURE, ALONG WITH AN INDIAN ECONOMIC PLANNING ADVOSOR TEAM. INDIAN AMB SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO SOVIETS THAT THEIR ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUPS BE COORDINATED AND PERHAPS EVEN OPERATE AS JOINT TEAM, BUT SOVIETS BRUSHED ASIDE THIS IDEA. WAHID ABDULLAH DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC MISSION, SAYING GOA WANTED ITS ADVICE AND COMMENTS AFTER 4TH FIVE YEAR PLAN REVISIONS NOW IN PROGRESS HAD BEEN COMPLETED. HE SAID GOA WOULD ALSO WELCOME GERMAN AND AMERICAN VIEWS ON REVISED PLAN AS WELL.
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